

RESOLUTIONS

the case of Senators and the Speaker of the House in the case of Representatives. The Governor shall appoint three citizen members to the committee and shall appoint the chairperson. The executive director of the Texas Industrial Commission is requested to provide assistance to the committee in its work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee shall be authorized to hold public hearings for the purpose of collecting all testimony, data, and other information necessary to complete the study; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee shall be empowered to employ staff as necessary to assist in the conduct of the study; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the operating expenses of the committee shall be paid from the Expense Fund of the House of Representatives, and that committee members shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Resolution; the committee shall prepare a budget for its operating expenses, which shall be submitted to the House Administration Committee, and no expenditures shall be made until the budget has been approved. Prior approval of non-budgeted expenditures must also be obtained from the House Administration Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Interim Committee on Small Business shall make a complete report, including findings and recommendations and drafts of any legislation deemed necessary, to the 64th Legislature when it convenes in January, 1975, or before that date if the study has been completed. Where conclusions of this study affect constitutional revision, the committee is authorized to give testimony to the Constitutional Revision Commission. The committee shall also report to the Governor of Texas and five copies of the completed report shall be filed in the Legislative Reference Library; five copies shall be filed with the Texas Legislative Council; and two copies shall be filed with the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and two copies shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate. Following official distribution of the committee report, all remaining copies shall be deposited with the Legislative Reference Librarian.

Adopted by the House on May 18, 1973; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.C.R. No. 99 on May 26, 1973, by a non-record vote; adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 24, 1973.

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CANADIAN RIVER BED—SURVEY

H. C. R. No. 101

WHEREAS, The construction of a dam in Hutchinson County on the Canadian River has caused the flow of the Canadian River below the dam to be substantially reduced, thereby exposing a large area of land which formerly constituted the bed of the Canadian River; and

WHEREAS, The bed of the Canadian River is state-owned land from the cutbank to the cutbank on each side of the river; and

WHEREAS, The alteration of the flow of the Canadian River and the biological and geological changes resulting from the alteration have made determination of property rights, both of the state and private individuals, difficult; and

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WHEREAS, Land owners of the areas adjoining the river are without adequate information to protect and preserve their lands from trespassers, and hunters are without adequate information to determine when they are violating the law and when they are within their rights; and

WHEREAS, Since the cutbanks of the old river bed are disappearing and vegetation is covering the old river bed, it is imperative that action be taken as soon as possible or it will become impossible to ever determine the true rights of all owners and the state may lose valuable interests in land; and

WHEREAS, The General Land Office has control of the Canadian River bed; and

WHEREAS, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has developed special photographic techniques for mapping and for determining certain topographical features and have conferred with the General Land Office with regard to making aerial photographs of the Canadian River in order to define the true river bed; and

WHEREAS, The solution to the question of rights and privileges of interested parties in the lands composing the Canadian River bed is dependent on the making of an accurate and complete survey of the river banks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the commissioner of the General Land Office is requested to make a survey of each bank of the Canadian River along the boundary of state-owned land beginning at the dam at Lake Meredith in Hutchinson County and extending to the place where the Canadian River crosses State Highway 70 in Roberts County.

Adopted by the House on May 12, 1973; adopted by the Senate on May 17, 1973.

Filed without signature.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION—PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUPPLY—SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS

H. C. R. No. 103

WHEREAS, The current energy crisis in many areas of Texas has reached emergency proportions due to announced policies of certain processors and producers of petroleum products, particularly propane and butane gas and diesel oil; these processors and producers have been diverting increasing proportions of their production to distribution by pipeline and interstate shipment to distant points and by foreign shipments without regard for the needs of local customers and jobbers who have depended on dock deliveries for many years; and

WHEREAS, Severe and increasing hardships are experienced by many domestic users in numerous small communities and rural areas of Texas depending entirely on these products for heating and cooking, as well as other energy needs; and

WHEREAS, The shortage of these energy fuels has also resulted in losses in production and employment in agriculture, which depends largely on liquefied petroleum gas products and diesel oil for power in operating tractors, other farm vehicles, irrigation pumps, and heating equipment, and in interference with power needs of petroleum drilling rigs;